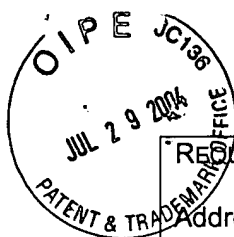


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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	<b>09/652,291</b>
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	<b>Art Unit</b>	<b>2621</b>
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>LU, Tom Y.</b>
	<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	<b>D/99421 XERZ 2 0330</b>

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

- Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114
  - ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on
    - ☐ Other.
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other
- Miscellaneous
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a request a **-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action
  - ☐ Other
- Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.
    - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - ☐ Other: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.
  - ☐ Check in the amount of \$770.00 (large entity) enclosed.
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